

Task Force 1st Armored Division says 'farewell' to Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver

By Master Sgt. David Melancon, 1AD PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers expect their officers to set and enforce the Army's standards. Soldiers also expect their leaders to live and demonstrate the words "Duty, Honor, Country."

And, as the next commandant of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Task Force 1st Armored Division Assistant Commanding General for Maneuver, will work with the Army's future leaders to help them understand the meaning of those words and learn how to incorporate the academy's motto into their daily behavior at the school and as leaders.

Task force Soldiers will pay tribute to Scaparrotti's service during a twilight tattoo ceremony tonight at the Baghdad International Airport.

After serving with the "Old Ironsides" Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Scaparrotti assumes duties as the Commandant of Cadets at the Academy later this summer.

"The motto is the spirit of our profession," he said. "These values not only represent what we should strive to be and do as Soldiers, they also provide the core values that guide our Army today and into the future."

According to Scaparrotti, Soldiers should expect a lot from West Point's graduates.

"Soldiers should expect them to set the standard," he said. "They should expect them to live the motto 'Duty, Honor, Country,' and they should expect them to know and care for the Soldier."

Scaparrotti said he will also use what he's learned from the task force's experiences in Iraq and from its Soldiers to prepare cadets for their roles as combat leaders.

"I've been collecting stories of Soldiers' actions and statements during this combat experience," he said. "I can share these experiences with cadets and explain to them who



Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Task Force 1st Armored Division Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver, talks with Soldiers from the Second Armored Cavalry Regiment during a recent visit. The 2nd ACR was part of the task force during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Courtesy photo.

they will lead one day -- probably in combat."

In addition to his personal knowledge of Soldiers and lessons learned by the task force during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Scaparrotti said he will also bring after action reviews and other materials to incorporate into the cadets' experience.

While preparing future officers for a lifetime of service is West Point's focus, learning about Soldiers, who they are, their talents and skills is important, he said.

"Our nation produces great young men and women -- good people who respect other people, who are generous and talented and brave," he said. "I want them to understand the human dimension of this profession. A cadet's focus should be to use the cadet experience to prepare to lead these great Americans. Soldiers deserve nothing but the best leadership."

Scaparrotti's decision to join the Army was a natural one, he said. His father retired from the Army as a first sergeant and two of his uncles served in the Marine Corps and another in the

Navy.

"It was my calling. My father was an NCO in the Army," he said. "He believed that every citizen had an obligation to serve our great country. As a result, I think that I loved the Army even before I joined it."

Choosing to enroll at West Point was almost a matter of luck, however.

"I picked up a West Point Recruiting booklet in my father's orderly room when I was about 13 years old. For some reason, it had a significant impact on me. That is when I set a goal to attend West Point. I still have that booklet."

After graduating from the Academy in 1979, Scaparrotti reported to his first duty assignments as a rifle and anti-tank platoon leader, operations officer and company commander in 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division. He continued serving in several positions within the "All American" Division until Sept. 1983. **(Continued page 2)**



Quote of the Day...

"The leader has to be practical and a realist, yet must talk the language of the visionary and the idealist."

-- Eric Hoffer (1902-83), American philosopher

Task Force 1st Armored Division says 'farewell' to Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver

(Continued from page 1)

Scaparrotti completed the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Ga., followed by studies in Human Development and counseling at the University of South Carolina, where he earned a Masters Degree in Education in 1984.

He was then assigned to West Point as a tactical officer and the superintendent's aide-de-camp in May 1985. He continued his military studies at the U.S. Army Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

In July 1989, reported to the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, N.Y., where he served as the operations officer for 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, the 1st Brigade and in the division's headquarters.

Scaparrotti's other assignments include: the Total Army Personnel Command and with the Army Chief of Staff's Office in from May 1992 to May 1994.

He was then assigned to 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy, during Operations Support Hope in Zaire/Rwanda, Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Assured Response in Liberia.

Scaparrotti returned to Fort Drum to serve as the division's operations officer in May 1996. He resumed his studies at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn. followed by an assignment as the Chief, Army Initiatives Group, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in Washington, DC in 1998.

In 1999, he returned to Fort Bragg to command the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. Scaparrotti's last assignment before joining the 1st Armored Division in July 2003 was as the Deputy Director for Joint Operations on the Joint Staff, in Washington.

It all comes down to the Soldier, Scaparrotti said. And, on the grounds of the Academy, there stands a reminder, he said.

"There are many statues on the grounds at West Point. My favorite statue is dedicated to The American Soldier. The inscription on this statue speaks to their (officers') role and the trust that this Country has placed in them: 'The lives and destinies of valiant Americans are entrusted to your care and leadership.'"

Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

The Voyage of Life

A good description of how God works in our lives is illustrated in a series of four paintings by Thomas Cole entitled, "The Voyage of Life". The first painting, "Childhood", shows a laughing child and Guardian Spirit in a boat on a river that flows from a cave at the base of a mountain. The second painting, "Youth", portrays a teenage boy confidently steering the same boat towards a majestic white castle off in the distance while the Guardian Spirit stands watching on the bank. The third painting, "Adulthood", shows the river as a raging torrent, the boat's rudder is broken, and the now adult man is looking up to the sky and praying as the Guardian Spirit sits hidden in the clouds. The final painting, "Old Age", portrays a battered and weathered boat reaching the ocean. The dark clouds remain but the water is still. The boat's occupant is now an old man, and his gaze is fixed firmly on the clouds out there in front of him, clouds pierced by angels coming to and from heaven. For the first time in his life the man clearly sees the Guardian Spirit that has accompanied him on his journey. And now, has come to take him by the hand and prepare him for his journey to his eternal home. The ride may get rough at times, but trust in our Guardian to safely bring each of us home.

Today in History...

(Historynet.com)

1298 An army under Albert of Austria defeats forces led by Adolf of Nassau.

1625 The Spanish army takes Breda, Spain, after nearly a year of siege.

1644 Oliver Cromwell crushes the Royalists at the Battle of Marston Moor.

1776 The Continental Congress resolves that the American colonies "are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

1822 Denmark Vesey is executed in Charleston, South Carolina, for planning a massive slave revolt.

1858 Czar Alexander II frees the serfs working on imperial lands.

1863 The Union left flank holds at Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg.

1881 Charles J. Guiteau fatally wounds President James A. Garfield in Washington, D.C.

1926 Congress establishes the Army Air Corps.

1937 American aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart disappears in the Central Pacific during an attempt to fly around the world.

1961 Novelist Ernest Hemingway commits suicide at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

1964 President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act into law.

1967 The U.S. launches Operation Buffalo in Vietnam.

1976 North and South Vietnam are officially reunified.

1980 President Jimmy Carter reinstates draft registration for males 18 years of age.

4th of July Happenings on East BIAP

INDEPENDENCE DAY

MUSIC AND COMEDY SHOW



R&B Singer Cynthia Manley
Comic Dean Austin



4TH BDE HANGAR #1 , EAST BIAP



SUNDAY, 4 JULY 2004, 1930-2130



4TH OF JULY 5K RUN



0600HRS – 0700HRS

START POINT: IN FRONT OF 4TH BDE HANGAR #1

PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST PLACE WINNER IN THE
FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

UNDER 35, MALE AND FEMALE

OVER 35, MALE AND FEMALE

**GATORADE, WATER, AND FRUIT FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS**

🇺🇸 ★☆☆★★☆☆★ Schedule of Events ★☆☆★★☆☆★ 🇺🇸

0600	5k Race (4th BDE Hangar)
0700	4 on 4 Volleyball (Circus Tent Area)
0700	Horseshoe Tourney (MWR Tent Area)
0800	Casing of the Colors (4th BDE Hangar)
1000	Bazaar with Vendors (MWR Cardio Tent)
1100	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (Circus Tent)
1200	Patriotic Movie Marathon (MWR Rec Tent)
1200	Ping Pong Tournament (MWR Rec Tent)
1400	Playstation 2 Tourney (MWR Rec Tent)
1600	Spades Tournament (MWR Rec Tent)
1800	Pool Tournament (MWR Rec Tent)
1930	R&B Music Group and Comedy Show (Hangar)
2000	Foosball Tournament (MWR Rec Tent)

****No sign up necessary for 5k; sign up now for
tournaments at MWR Rec Tent****





The Old Ironsides Report July 2, 2004 Page 4

myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: FRIDAY, JULY 02, 2004				As of: Thursday, July 01, 2004 7:32:25 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRIUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)				HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	00:00
00:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD (NN)			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS (NN)	00:30
01:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS (NN)	YANKEE DOODLE DANDY	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - FLOOD WARNING	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT (NN)	01:00
01:30	TOTALLY NASCAR (NN)		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - JUST ONE BITE/ THE BULLY		CBS EVENING NEWS (NN)	01:30
02:00	WNBA (NN) - INDIANA FEVER @ WASHINGTON MYSTICS		THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER BADMAN	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - LITTLE BILL'S ADVENTURE WITH CAPT. BRAINSTORM!	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN (NN)	02:00
02:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - FONZIE JOINS THE BAND	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		02:30
03:00			THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - THE STORM	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES (NN)	03:00
03:15		BAD GIRLS				03:15
04:00	PRCA RODEO (NN) - BULL RIDING (SAN ANTONIO, TX)		BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER EIGHTEEN	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR (NN)	04:00
05:00	PRCA RODEO (NN) - BULL RIDING (SAN ANTONIO, TX)	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	CROCODILE HUNTER (TVG): - SUBURBAN KILLERS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS (NN)	BET NIGHTLY NEWS (NN)	05:00
05:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT (NN)	05:30
06:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT (NN)	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - MINIATURE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD (NN)	LARRY KING LIVE (NN)	06:00
06:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		06:25
06:30		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - ZOO TEXAS			06:30
07:00	AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS	SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - AS YOU WERE		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN (NN)	07:00
07:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		07:13
08:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - LITTLE BILL'S ADVENTURE WITH CAPT. BRAINSTORM!	THE X-FILES (TV14): - ARCADIA	HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - MAX'S EMBARRASSING DATE	PAULA ZAHN NOW (NN)	08:00
08:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE (TVY): - ROCKO'S HAPPY SACK/ FLU-IN-U-ENZA		08:30
09:00	GOLF (NN) - U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: FIRST ROUND	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - FLOOD WARNING	OZZY & DRIX (TVY7): - THE GLOBFATHER	NIGHTLINE (NN)	09:00
09:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - JUST ONE BITE/ THE BULLY	AS TOLD BY GINGER (TVY): - FOUTLEYS ON ICE (PT. 2)	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	09:30
09:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				09:46
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER BADMAN	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS (NN)	10:00
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - FONZIE JOINS THE BAND	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)		10:30
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				10:35
11:00			THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - THE STORM	ESPNEWS	PRIMETIME (NN)	11:00
11:07		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				11:07
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT (NN)		11:30
12:00		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER EIGHTEEN	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SIMPLE SIMPSON	THE O'REILLY FACTOR (NN)	12:00
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE (TVPG): - DIRTY MAGAZINE		12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	TODAY (NN)	CROCODILE HUNTER (TVG): - SUBURBAN KILLERS	THE APPRENTICE (TVPG): - REAL REAL ESTATE, TRUMP STYLE	GOOD MORNING AMERICA (NN)	13:00
14:00	WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT (NN) - TODAY AT WIMBLEDON - WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS		TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - MINIATURE	ALIAS (TVPG): - CROSSINGS		14:00
14:30			JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - ZOO TEXAS			14:30
15:00		HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - MAX'S EMBARRASSING DATE	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - AS YOU WERE	PACIFIC REPORT (NN)	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	15:00
15:30	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE (TVY): - ROCKO'S HAPPY SACK/ FLU-IN-U-ENZA		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING (NN)	15:30
16:00		OZZY & DRIX (TVY7): - THE GLOBFATHER	THE X-FILES (TV14): - ARCADIA		THE EARLY SHOW (NN)	16:00
16:30	TOTALLY NASCAR (NN)	AS TOLD BY GINGER (TVY): - FOUTLEYS ON ICE (PT. 2)		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - FLOOD WARNING			17:00
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - JUST ONE BITE/ THE BULLY	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD (NN)		17:30
18:00	WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT (NN) - MEN'S SEMIFINALS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER BADMAN	INDEPENDENCE DAY	FOX NEWS LIVE (NN)	18:00
18:30		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - FONZIE JOINS THE BAND			18:30
19:00		THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SIMPLE SIMPSON	THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - THE STORM		PRIMETIME (NN)	19:00
19:30		MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE (TVPG): - DIRTY MAGAZINE				19:30
20:00		THE APPRENTICE (TVPG): - REAL REAL ESTATE, TRUMP STYLE	BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER EIGHTEEN		FOX NEWS LIVE (NN)	20:00
20:30				BATMAN: BATMAN: MASK OF THE PHANTASM		20:30
21:00		ALIAS (TVPG): - CROSSINGS	CROCODILE HUNTER (TVG): - SUBURBAN KILLERS		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	21:00
21:30					INSIDE POLITICS (NN)	21:30
22:00		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - MINIATURE	TODAY (NN)		22:00
22:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - ZOO TEXAS		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	22:30
23:00	THE HOT LIST (NN)		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - AS YOU WERE		LESTER HOLT LIVE (NN)	23:00
23:30	THE HOT LIST (NN)	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				23:30